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Manufacturer TRUSSES & C.

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### AN INTRODUCTORY WORD

BEFORE inviting your attention to the Circular which follows, I desire to make a statement that will not only be of benefit to yourself, but to the general public, with whom you will be called upon to deal.

Travellers of competing houses have been and are still making the most vigorous efforts to convince the trade that their Houses do not sell indiscriminately to the farmer, the doctor or the druggist, but confine their orders strictly to you. They state to you that I am in the habit of selling to anybody and everybody, and that therefore I do not deserve your patronage, because, while taking your order, I am at the same time making every effort to control your own retail market. These travellers profess that they are exclusively wholesale, while I am disposing of my Trusses wherever an opportunity is afforded.

The truth is simply this, and the statement cannot be gainsaid: These, my accusers, are doing precisely what they seek to impress upon you is reprehensible in me. It has been my steady aim for years to bring the manufacturing of Trusses to such a degree of magnitude, and to educate the trade generally to so perfect a knowledge of the requirements of a faultless Truss, as to enable me to confine my business entirely to the wholesale trade. These conditions do not yet exist, and I find it impossible to employ the necessary staff of skilled mechanics and travellers that would be required if I abandoned my retail trade. Trusting you will kindly consider these facts,

I am, yours sincerely,

CHAS. CLUTHE.

ALWAYS SEND STAMP FOR ANSWER.





TO THE DRUGGISTS OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA

THE REPRESENTATIVE CANADIAN MANUFACTURER OF

Grusses, Appliances for Relieving and Gorrecting Deformities
Abdominal, Uterine Supporters, Suspensories
Grutches, etc., etc.

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object in sending you this Circular and Catalogue is two-fold. First, to thoroughly acquaint you with the lines of goods I manufacture and to give you an adequate idea of the progress that is being made in designing appliances for the relief of the suffering; and second, to impress upon you the lamentable facts that there are thousands of our best producing citizens who are ruptured, and who year after year are compelled to spend money without obtaining permanent relief. Another fact which is even more to be regretted, is that there are a very large number of cases that are being neglected, because the trial of an inefficient Truss has discouraged them and faith is lost in any representations that might be made to them regarding certain relief. With the long and varied experience that I have enjoyed, I feel how important it is that the Druggist should select the most approved style of Trusses, an article that he can with confidence assure his people will accomplish all that is promised of it.

The farmer, perhaps, suffers more from useless or at the least faulty appliances than any other portion of the community. The reason is quite simple. The innumerable contortions of the body during work cause the displacement of the Truss, and until it has been readjusted, the rupture is unprotected. The result is that this constant displacing and replacing enlarges the aperture, and within a few months the Truss will not hold under the most favorable conditions. This is the usual history of the Spring Truss, the rupture slips under the pad, and in time, the consequences stated above will follow.

### AN UNFAILING TRUSS

Again referring to the farmer, it has been my experience for years that but rarely does a day pass, without a visit from some of this class, who tell me they have been obliged to abandon the farming pursuit. Enquiry soon discloses that a rupture and a valueless Truss have been the cause of the trouble. So frequent are these cases that during one of my trips to a western city, no less than nine called upon me in the space of an afternoon. Some had sold their land, others had rented, and others were about doing so.



My chief object in referring to this particular case is to show the absolute necessity of providing the afflicted with an article that is unfailing in its discharge of duty. It was the alarming increase of this calamity that led me to solve the difficulty of retaining the Pad in its designed position. The experience of a quarter of a century, assisted by an education received in the best mechanical schools of Europe and the United States, have resulted in my surmounting the difficulties over which so many manufacturers have stumbled, and I can therefore to-day offer a Truss that has not its equal in the world and is almost infallible in very truth.

#### THE SPIRAL SPRING PAD

The chief advantage of this Pad is its constant and never varying inward and upward pressure. Its nature may be described as practically adhesive, when once placed in position. No motion or contortion of the body displaces it, and so tenacious is it that only the hand can dislodge it from its proper place. There is positively no friction, a fault which is so common with all wooden oval truss pads.

The "little toy springs" which are so often offered to you, and which, when a breakage occurs, are attended with considerable danger to the wearer, do not appear in the Spiral Pad. These "toy springs" should be carefully avoided, not only on account of their frail construction, but the inconvenience that always results when one happens to break, and these breaks are frequent. It may be said, "put a new one in," but when the farmer is at work in the field he is not very likely to have one in his trousers pocket. The traveller and visitor may meet with the same misfortune, and it is very unlikely that a supply of springs forms a part of their baggage. Often times ere relief can be administered, strangulation occurs and death itself is even threatened. The use of the Spiral Pad is not surrounded by any such inconveniences or dangers, and is always at its post in time of need.

### FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE TRADE

Experience has taught the lesson that those afflicted with rupture are habituated to experimenting with every new or old device that is recommended for relieving their distress. In too many cases this constant change from one system to another results in serious injury, or, at the least, an aggravation of the disorder. There are many people, for instance, who will wear nothing but the leather truss and pad, so long as it fulfills a temporary duty. Then they change to the newest wonder, and after that has worn out their patience, something else will be selected to wear. As you will see by examining this catalogue, I manufacture all the different varieties, and can furnish you with the leather truss at a price that compares favorably with the foreign markets. The goods are all carefully manufactured and the steel work incomparable in finish, but you will find that the use of the spiral pad will give better satisfaction in every particular. After years of experience in adjusting trusses, I have found that but very rarely have my spiral pads been replaced, and then only for the reason which I have stated, viz.: the singular inclination to try everything.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I desire to thank you for the liberal favors you have heretofore bestowed, and express the hope that hereafter, in my new departure, I may receive an increased patronage. I will endeavor, so far as lies in my power, to promote the best business relations between us, and no effort shall be spared in keeping my goods up to a standard of excellence never known before.

Yours very respectfully,

CHAS. CLUTHE.

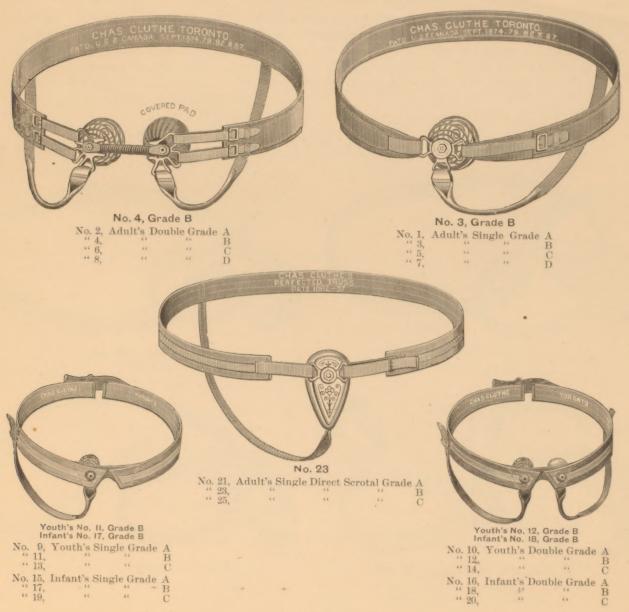
## CHAS. CLUTHE'S SPIRAL PAD

IN ITS PRACTICAL ADJUSTMENTS



#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR RE-PADDING THE SPIRAL PAD

Take a piece of Canton Flannel, cut in the same size as the old cover, turn the edge over and run a string through it; then fill the pouch with Curled Hair same as represented in cut, place Spiral in centre of pouch, at the same time pressing the Spiral with your finger and thumb, draw the strings and tie solid.





### CHAS. CLUTHE'S PERFECTED SPIRAL TRUSS PAD







Single Spiral Spring

Double Spiral Spring

Spiral Spring under pressure

### TRUSSES FOR VERY LARGE SCROTAL HERNIA

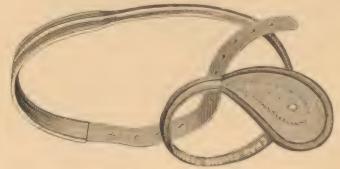
The "SCIENTIFIC" Truss, Patented in U.S. and Canada, 1887 The "GENUINE" Truss, Patented in U.S. and Canada, 1888

By Chas, Cluthi, are designed especially for very large cases. These Trusses are warranted to hold any reducible rupture without leg straps, no pressure on hip bone, and water-proof. The Pads of above Trusses are not larger than a man's thumb. This Truss requires to be properly adjusted, for which appointments should be made with the office. Address, Chas. Cluthe, 118 King Street West, Toronto. The above two Trusses are not illustrated in this Catalogue.

## LEATHER COVERED TRUSSES



No. 73-Medium French (CHAMOIS PAD)



No. 75-Plain French (CHAMOIS PAD)



No. 77—Improved French

(IN CALE PAD) (IN KID PAD)



No. 81-Improved German

With Perneal Band (IN CHAMOIS PAD) (IN KID PAD)



## LEATHER COVERED TRUSSES



No. 85—Improved Chase

Applicable to either side



No. 87-Phelps' Truss

(BUCKSKIN PAD) (KID PAD)



No. 91-Hull's Truss

Applicable to either side

(BUFF CHAMOIS PADS)



No. 93-The Old Turn Pad Truss

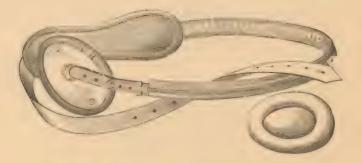
(POLISHED CEDAR PAD) (BUCKSKIN PAD)

(IVORY PAD)



No. 99 - Hood's Pattern Truss

(CEDAR PADS) (KID PADS)

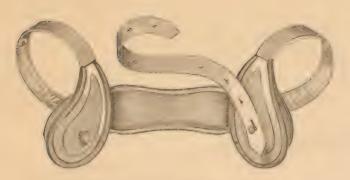


No. 103-Ball Socket Adjustable Truss

(KID PADS)



## Leather Covered Trusses



No. 82-Improved German Truss

With Perneal Band (CHAMOIS PADS) (KID PADS)



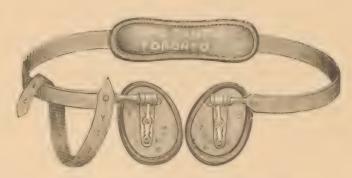
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(CEDAR PADS) (KID PADS)



No. 106-Set Screw Ball Socket Truss

(POLISHED PADS) (BUCKSKIN PADS)



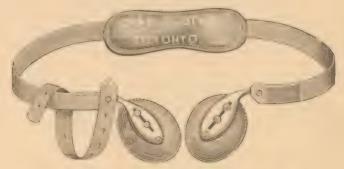
No. 110 -- Foster's Ratchet Truss

(CEDAR PADS) (KID PADS)



No. 104 Ball Socket Adjustable Truss

(KID PADS)



No. 86 Improved Chase's Truss



# Chas. Cluthe Self-Adjustable Spiral Spring Pad

PATENTED U.S. AND CANADA, 1874. 1879, 1882 AND 1887

#### AS APPLIED TO THE DIFFERENT SHAPES AND MAKE OF TRUSSES

I have for years replaced the Leather pads with my Spiral pad with the very best results, in every case, as it overcomes the one great difficulty of slipping, so common in all other pads. This is the case especially with those who are engaged in overhead or stooping employment.

NOTE—All Trusses under this head, with Spiral Pads, are known by their number only.



### INSTRUCTIONS FOR RE-PADDING THE SPIRAL PAD

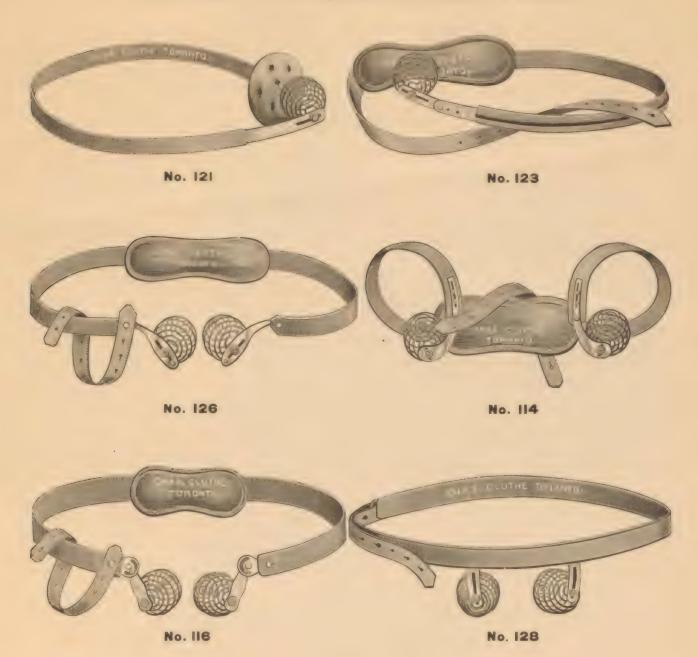
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THE SPIRAL PAD ADJUSTED TO SPRING TRUSSES





### THE SPIRAL PAD ADJUSTED TO SPRING TRUSSES



### Trusses for Umbilical Hernia







## STOUT FEMALES

#### WITH UMBILICAL HERNIA

For Stout Females with Umbilical Hernia, it has been very difficult to find a truss, in our present market, which would stay in its place. A contrivance is made and will be sent, which embraces the whole of the abdomen, has an in and upward pressure with a large leverage centering to the Umbilical Pad, which in all cases for years has worked admirably. The weight of the abdomen is transferred to the lower region of the spine, causing a very comfortable pressure on the small of the back; it will have the effect of greatly changing the appearance of Stout Females when applied. This article can be sent by post, and should be made to order for each individual case.

Regarding the price list, I have just published a complete descriptive catalogue, enabling you to order whatever you require, down to the minutest detail with a number to each article. This will be mailed to you, at request, free of charge, if you have not yet received a copy.

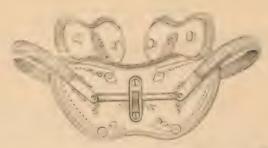


## ABDOMINAL SUPPORTERS

A Complete Assortment, embracing the best lines and styles in Leather, Cotton, Silk, Celluloid and Hard Rubber, always kept in stock.



No. 133—The Dominion Supporter (WITH SIDE STRAPS)



Nos. (Leather) 134 and (Hard Rubber) 135
Adjustable Abdominal Supporter



Woman's Full Elastic Supporter
Nos. 131 and 132
Cotton, No. 131 Silk, No. 132



No. 210 The Infant



No. 211—The Adult

### Anni Instruments



No. 139-Adjustable Pile

No. 149 - Pile Pipes

Hard Rubber Pile Pipe, the best instrument for the application of Ointment to the seat of the disease, avoiding irritation and doing it most effectually; it is cleanly, compact, durable, and always ready for use.



No. 212 Knock-Knee

Many of the above cases have
been treated and made
perfect and useful persons,



## SUSPENSORY BANDAGES



No. 143

Rawson's U. S. Army (all makes) Wares in different makes; other makes in heavy Silk, light Silk, Linen, Cotton and Worsted.



No. 141

## SHOULDER BRACES

IN LADIES', MISSES', GENTS' AND YOUTHS'



No. 155 - Ladies' Lace Spring-Back Shoulder Brace

No. 148 - London Fancy Shoulder Brace

No. 149-Eclipse Shoulder Brace

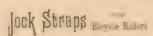
No. 150-Dr. Parker's Shoulder Brace

No. 151-Leport Shoulder Brace

No. 152-Champion Shoulder Brace

No. 153-Laced Back Shoulder Brace

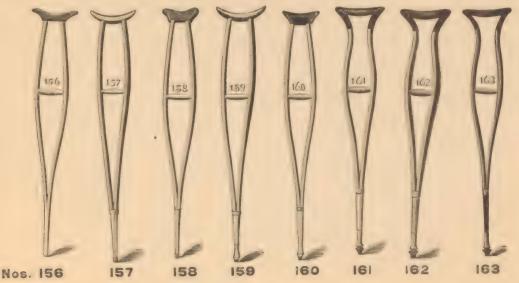
No. 154 Steel Back Shoulder Brace



Jock Straps Brever Riders Jock Straps Sates No. 219 No. 222

## -> CRUTCHES &

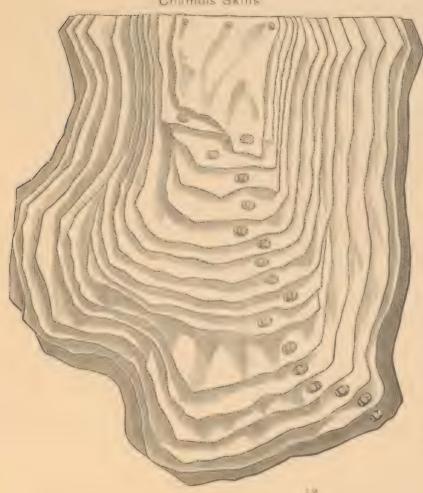
Canadian and American make in all styles in Maple, Rock Maple, Black Ebony, Rosewood, metal sockets and rubber bottoms; all sizes in stock.







Chamois Skins







No. 213 Posterior Curvature of the Spine



No. 214 Lateral Curvature of the Spine

I import these skins direct, and can sell them to the Trade at lowest figures. The engraving represents the different sizes in rotation; each skin is known by its distinct number marked thereon. The average size of the smallest skin contains 34 foot surface, and the largest 53/4 feet surface.





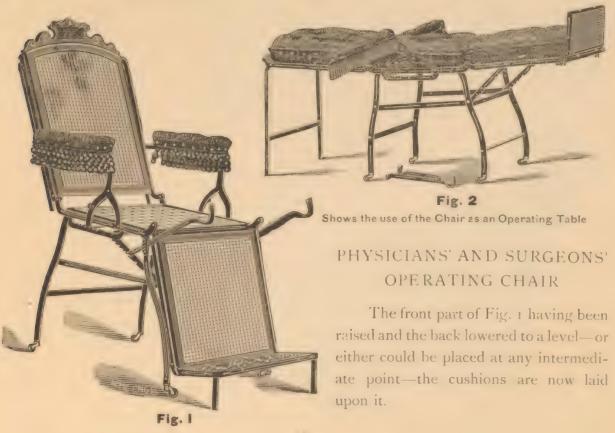


### THE WONDERFUL COMBINATION CHAIR



### RECLINING CHAIR

How suggestive of joy and rest for the weary. For the invalid it is invaluable. No lounge or easy chair can compare with it for comfort and luxury. The head, back, liml s and feet are all supported and the entire body reclines in perfect rest. Can change your position while sitting in it, by simply releasing the ratchet at either side of the chair.





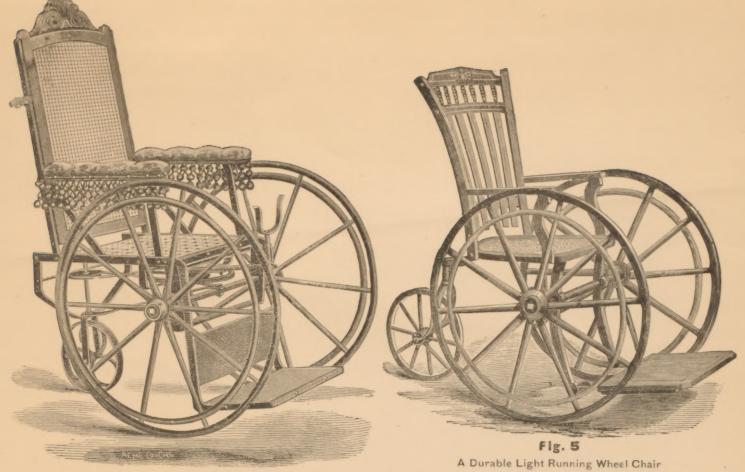


Fig. 23

### WHEEL CHAIRS

The manufacturer has given much time and thought to the construction of a chair suited to the needs of a paralytic or cripple who has only the use of one hand and leg. Fig. 23 represents as perfect a chair as is possible to construct for the purpose.

The active limb rests comfortable in an adjustable stirrup. By moving it either to the right or left two or three inches, the action is communicated to the rear guiding wheel, and thereby governs the direction as you propel the chair with one hand. This

movement is easy, quick and positive.

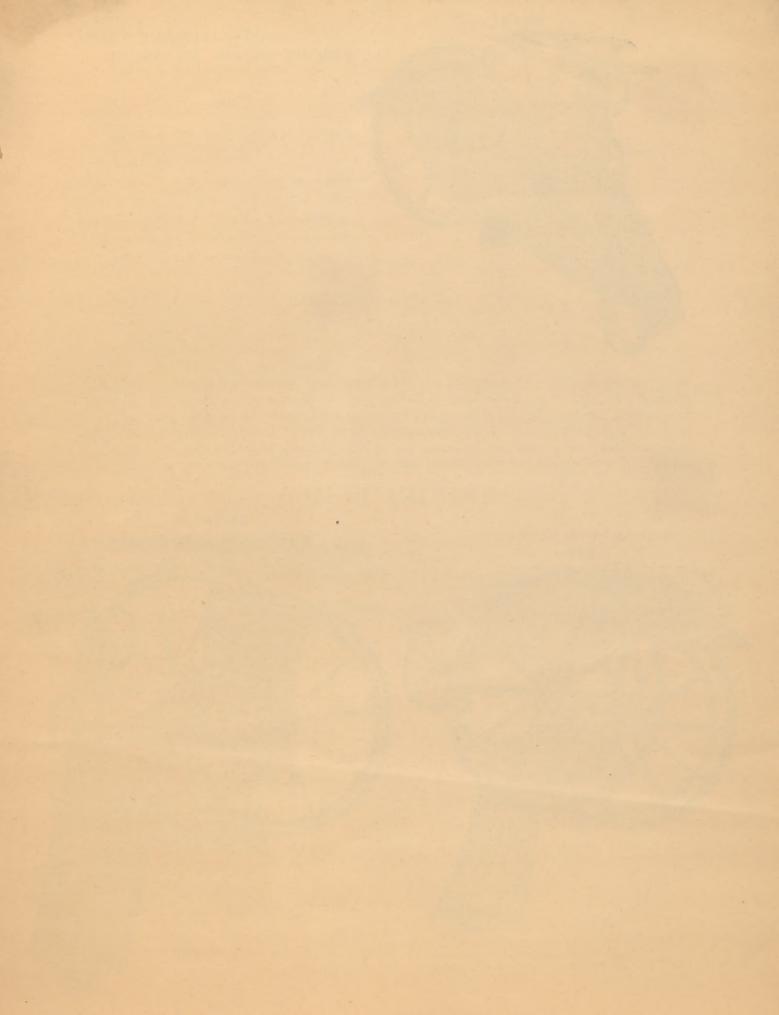
Fig. 20 represents the chair in a partially reclining position; the back and the leg rest can be changed in an instant to any desired angle to please the occupant, and so simply done that any child can understand it.

Push handles are applied to all these chairs.

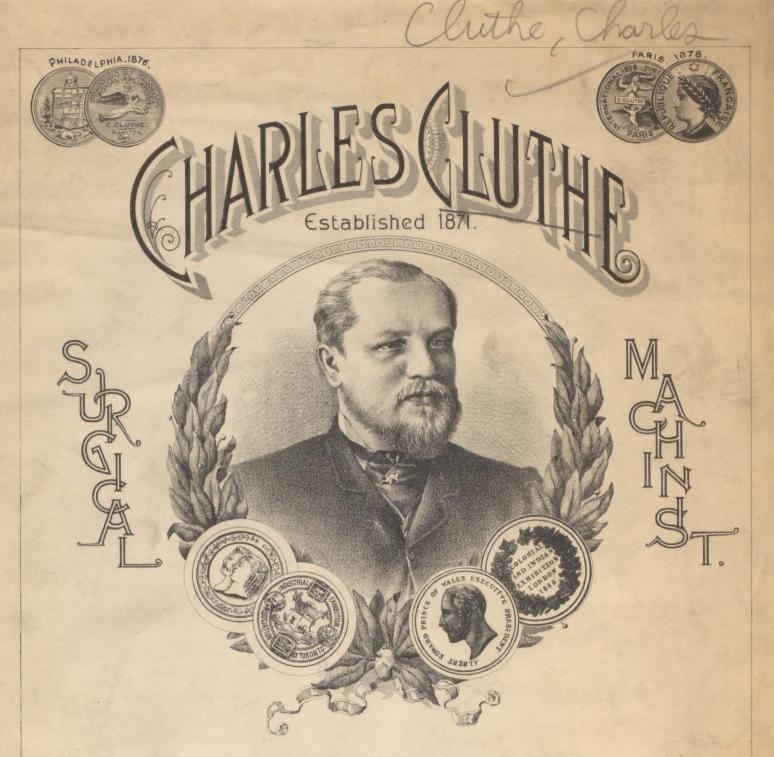
In writing always enclose post stamps for reply.



Fig. 20







MANUFACTURER OF

# Frusses of all Descriptions, Shoulder Braces

SURGICAL HOSIERY,

And Appliances for Straightening and Relieving all Deformities of the Human Frame.

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